

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (*Currently Amended*) A garment for protecting a person's upper body portion, said garment comprising:

a ~~yoke~~ section made of a material resistant to abrasion, said yoke being adapted to cover a majority of the back and to extend over a zone of the shoulders of the person's upper body.

Claim 2. (*Currently Amended*) A garment for protecting ~~the upper portion of the body according to claim 1, wherein~~ a person's upper body portion, said garment comprising:

a section made of a material resistant to abrasion, said section being adapted to cover the back and the shoulders of the person's upper body, the abrasion-resistant material ~~is comprising~~ a woven material.

Claim 3. (*Original*) A garment for protecting the upper portion of the body according to claim 1, wherein the abrasion-resistant material is extensible along at least one direction.

Claim 4. (*Currently Amended*) A garment for protecting the upper portion of the body according to claim 1, wherein the abrasion-resistant material further having ~~been treated~~ had a hydrophilic treatment for transferring moisture from an inner surface of the garment to an outer surface of the garment.

Claim 5. (*Original*) A garment for protecting the upper portion of the body according to claim 1, further comprising a highly aerated material in an area of an axillary zone.

Claim 6. (*Original*) A garment for protecting the upper portion of the body according to claim 5, wherein the material of the axillary zone has had an antibacterial treatment.

Claim 7. (*Original*) A garment for protecting the upper portion of the body according to claim 6, wherein the material of the axillary zone comprises silver threads.

Claim 8. (*Original*) A garment for protecting the upper portion of the body according to claim 1, wherein other portions of the garment are made of a material having perspiration draining and evacuation capabilities.

Claim 9. (*New*) A garment according to claim 14, wherein:

said section of the garment adapted to cover a majority of the wearer's back comprises a section adapted to extend downwardly from the zone of the shoulders through the entire length of the garment.

Claim 10. (*New*) A garment comprising:

a body portion comprising at least one section adapted to cover a majority of a wearer's back and at least a portion of a shoulder area of the wearer;

said body portion further comprising at least one additional section in addition to said one section;

sleeves extending from said body portion adapted to cover at least a portion of the wearer's arms;

said section of said body portion comprising an abrasion-resistant material;

said additional section comprising a material different from said abrasion-resistant material.

Claim 11. (*New*) A garment according to claim 10, wherein:

at least a part of said sleeves are distinct from said body portion.

Claim 12. (*New*) A garment according to claim 10, wherein:

said abrasion-resistant material comprises polyester.

Claim 13. (*New*) A garment according to claim 10, wherein:

said abrasion-resistant material comprises a woven material.

Claim 14. (*New*) A garment according to claim 10, wherein:

said abrasion-resistant material comprises a material including woven polyester fibers.

Claim 15. (*New*) A garment according to claim 10, wherein:

said section of said body portion adapted to cover a majority of a wearer's back and at least a portion of a shoulder area of the wearer comprises a section adapted to extend downwardly from the shoulder area through a majority of a length of the garment.

Claim 16. (*New*) A garment according to claim 15, wherein:

said section of said body portion adapted to cover a majority of a wearer's back and at least a portion of a shoulder area of the wearer comprises a section adapted to extend downwardly from the shoulder area through the entire length of the garment.

Claim 17. (*New*) A garment according to claim 10, wherein:

said sleeves are not made of said abrasion-resistant material.

Claim 18. (*New*) A garment according to claim 10, wherein:

said abrasion-resistant material further comprises a hydrophilic treatment.

Claim 19. (*New*) A garment according to claim 10, wherein:

said garment comprises arm sections adapted to extend along the sleeves, beneath at least a portion of the wearer's arms and at least a portion of a torso of the wearer, said arm sections comprising an aerated material.

Claim 20. (*New*) A garment according to claim 19, wherein:

said arm sections comprise an antibacterial treatment.

Claim 21. (*New*) A garment according to claim 19, wherein:

said arm sections comprise antibacterial fibers.

Claim 22. (*New*) A garment comprising:

a body portion comprising at least one section adapted to cover a majority of a wearer's back and at least a portion of a shoulder area of the wearer, said section comprising a first material;

said body portion further comprising a second section a panel adapted to cover a front of the wearer's torso, said section comprising a second material different from said first material;

sleeves extending from said body portion adapted to cover at least a portion of the wearer's arms, said sleeves comprising at least respective portions made of a third material different from said first material;

said first material being an abrasion-resistant material;

said second material being an aerated material.

Claim 23. (*New*) A garment according to claim 22, wherein:
said third material is an aerated material.

Claim 24. (*New*) A garment according to claim 23, wherein:
said third material is an aerated material having an antibacterial treatment.

Claim 25. (*New*) A garment according to claim 22, wherein:
said first material comprises a woven material.

Claim 26. (*New*) A garment according to claim 22, wherein:
said first material comprises a woven material including polyester fibers.

Claim 27. (*New*) A garment according to claim 22, wherein:
said first material of said one section of said body portion extends downwardly from
the shoulder area through the entire length of the garment.